

House Resolution 107 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY RAYHONS, KUHN, and UPMEYER
1 3 A Resolution honoring Winnebago Industries on its 50th
1 4 anniversary.
1 5 WHEREAS, on February 12, 2008, Winnebago Industries
1 6 will mark a half century as an Iowa business,
1 7 celebrating a history of innovation and quality dating
1 8 back to 1958; and
1 9 WHEREAS, in 1958, businessman John K. Hanson and a
1 10 cadre of Winnebago County community leaders opened a
1 11 travel trailer factory; and
1 12 WHEREAS, by 1960 the company was christened as
1 13 "Winnebago Industries" and the travel trailer industry
1 14 would never be the same; and
1 15 WHEREAS, innovation has always been a key element
1 16 of Winnebago Industries, which began to manufacture
1 17 furniture and other components designed specifically
1 18 for its travel trailers; and
1 19 WHEREAS, the innovative "Thermo=Panel" was a
1 20 strong, lightweight sidewall that was a characteristic
1 21 of Winnebago products; and
1 22 WHEREAS, in 1966, Winnebago Industries manufactured
1 23 its first motor home, which soon became so popular
1 24 that the term Winnebago became synonymous with motor
1 25 homes; and
1 26 WHEREAS, the company reached a milestone in 1970
1 27 when Winnebago Industries "went public", and was
1 28 listed on the New York Stock Exchange; and
1 29 WHEREAS, in its 50th year Winnebago Industries has
1 30 manufactured its 500,000th vehicle; and
2 1 WHEREAS, both company Chairman and Chief Executive
2 2 Officer Bruce Hertzke and President Bob Olson are
2 3 career Winnebago employees, together completing almost
2 4 75 years of service; and
2 5 WHEREAS, in honor of its 50th anniversary,
2 6 Winnebago Industries' representatives rang the closing
2 7 bell at the New York Stock Exchange on February 12,
2 8 2008; and
2 9 WHEREAS, today, Winnebago Industries remains one of
2 10 the largest manufacturers of motor homes within the
2 11 United States, with models sold under the Winnebago,
2 12 Rialta, Ultimate, Vectra, and Itasca brand names; NOW
2 13 THEREFORE,
2 14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 15 That the House of Representatives honors Winnebago
2 16 Industries on its 50th anniversary and thanks the
2 17 company and its many employees for a dedication to
2 18 excellence and innovation that brings credit to all of
2 19 Iowa.
2 20 LSB 5792HH 82
2 21 jr/nh/8.1